

Seeking a Top Teen

A teen 4-H member (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities is being sought to fill the role of Junior 4-H Ambassador for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during pre-congress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2007 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to www.gallatinextension.com and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for the form. Application deadline to is May 1st.

2007 Montana 4-H State Awards and Scholarships

State award and scholarship applications are due to the 4-H Center postmarked by May 1st, 2007.

The Montana 4-H State Award program is to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas. All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1 of the current 4-H year. State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. Also due May 1st, 2007 is the application for the State Awards & Scholarship selection committee. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the state awards process from a different perspective. All agents, volunteers, and or youth ages 15 and older are eligible to participate. Committee members are tasked with the exciting process of reviewing and selecting this years' award and scholarship recipients. Committee members have a very important job and are a necessary part of the state award process. All expenses for the State Award selection committee are paid by the Montana 4-H Foundation. Those interested should please complete a selection committee application. Please contact the 4-H Office at 388-3213 for the application forms for the State Awards or Selection Committee. Please contact Brett Schomer at bschomer@montana.edu with any questions regarding the state awards application process or the selection committee. Brett has lots of great information and helpful tips for applying for an award and is happy to share examples of completed award applications from past years.

National Volunteer Week - April 15-21, 2007

WE SALUTE THE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO HELP BUILD OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE THROUGH THE EXTENSION 4-H PROGRAM. THANKS FOR TOUCHING THE FUTURE THROUGH OUR YOUTH.

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. The 2007 theme is "**Inspire By Example**" because it truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, as well as, to inspire others to serve! National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. President has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. Additionally, governors, mayors and other elected officials make public statements and sign proclamations in support of National Volunteer Week. Take a minute and thank your club leader, project leader, or others who give their time to our youth.

TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, YOUR UNSELFISH DEDICATION TO OUR YOUTH IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

Turn off the TV Week 2007 -Tune into Family Fun!

From **April 23-29**, millions of people across the country will participate in **TV Turnoff Week**. The goal of TV Turnoff Week is to promote active living and motivate kids, families, and adults to try living without TV, videos, or computer games, for a week. The long term goal is to help families moderate the use of them to stay active and live healthier lives. For more information on TV Turnoff Week, visit: www.tvturnoff.org. Study after study demonstrate reducing television, videos, electronic games and recreational use of computers is a leading way to reduce obesity, increase literacy and standardized test scores and dramatically curtail acts of violence and bullying. Take the challenge! Pledge to go screen free for a week and encourage others to do the same. Unplug...and turn on an active healthy life! For more information on TV Turnoff Week please call Jill Martz @ 994-3099.